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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES RECEIVING REFUGEES FROM RWANDA

Zaire: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question entitled "Special assistance to countries receiving refugees from Rwanda",

Indignant at the blind massacres of the civilian populations of Rwanda,

Deeply concerned about the massive presence of Rwandese refugees and displaced persons in the territories of neighbouring countries, namely, Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire,

Concerned about the devastating impact of these massive flows of refugees on the basic infrastructures and on the life and property of local populations in the States which are neighbours of Rwanda,

Bearing in mind the large-scale material destruction, the serious deterioration of economic, social and health infrastructures and the ecological devastation in the areas where Rwandese refugees are received,

Unaware as yet of the effects which common graves and poorly controlled epidemics will have on the health of the indigenous populations of the countries receiving Rwandese refugees,

Observing that the aid dispatched to the aforementioned areas often goes to the Rwandese refugees and does not take into consideration the needs of the local populations,

Aware that the countries receiving Rwandese refugees continue to experience an extremely critical economic situation, given that they are almost all least developed countries,

Maintaining that it is urgent to provide special assistance to the countries receiving Rwandese refugees,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the grave social, economic, health and ecological impact of the massive and unexpected presence of refugees in countries which are neighbours of Rwanda and at the detrimental consequences for the quality of life of their populations;

2. Commends the Governments of Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire for the sacrifices which they have made and for their commitment to do their utmost to assist the Rwandese refugees, notwithstanding the paucity of their resources;

3. Deplores the inadequacy of every type of aid provided to the local populations in the countries receiving the Rwandese refugees;

4. Urges all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international financial and development institutions to provide, on a priority basis, all possible financial, technical and material assistance with a view to facilitating the restoration of the basic services destroyed in the countries receiving Rwandese refugees;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fiftieth session a report on the follow-up to this resolution.